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BioScience Features Editor awarded Marine Biological Laboratory Fellowship

BioScience Features Editor Elia Ben-Ari was one of 19 science reporters, producers, and editors chosen from a pool of international applicants to participate in the 2000 Science Writing Fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) this summer. Now in its 15th year, the MBL's Science Writing

Fellowships Program offers print and broadcast journalists and editors an opportunity to "step into the shoes of the people they cover" by awarding them fellowships to study basic biomedical and environmental science at the Woods Hole, Massachusetts laboratory. Participants were chosen based on writing samples, letters of recommendation, and an essay describing their professional background and goals and how the fellowship would benefit their career.

The fellows arrived at MBL in early June and took part in one of two hands-on mini laboratory courses, each designed specifically for the non-scientist. One course explored techniques used in biomedical research, while the other, which Ben-Ari participated in, featured research techniques used by ecosystem scientists both in the field and in the laboratory. Among other activities during the week-long program, Ben-Ari and her colleagues sampled groundwater at different sites, analyzed the samples for levels of various

